GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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GUIDELINES FOR EAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any workshop on the new guidelines issued under EAS were held withthe different States and UTs for adopting the changes in the procedures for preparation of Annual Action Plans for Employment Assurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new guidelines of Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) has come into force in the year 1999-2000; and

(d) if so, the time by when the first instalment of funds under the new guidelines of the EAS were released to the DRDAs/ZPs by the Government particularly in Orissa ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) &(b): Yes Sir. Though the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) has been restructured with effect from 1.4.1999 the revised EAS Guidelines were finalised and issued on 9th November 1999. The proposed major changes in EAS were discussed in the Conference of State Secretaries of Rural Development Departments held on 3rd-4th June, 1999 and also in the Annual Conference of Project Directors of DRDAs held on 19-21st July, 1999 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. As regards Annual Action Plan, the Zilla Parishad is responsible for preparation and approval of Annual Action Plan.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir. The revised guidelines was in force in the year 1999-2000. First ad-hoc instalment of funds under Employment Assurance Scheme was released in the month of May, 1999 and the balance, if any, was released in September, 1999 to all the States/UTs including Orissa.